

REMARKS

Claims 87-95 are pending in this application. Claims 87-95 have been added in this amendment. Claims 87, 88, and 94 are independent claims. Claims 50-86 have been canceled in this amendment. Claims 1-49 were previously canceled. Claims 87-95 are respectfully submitted as belonging to elected Group II which included now canceled claims 54-74 and 83-86.


Entry of the above amendments to the claims is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Maki Hatsumi (Reg. No. 40,917) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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